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Preliminary Proceedings.

On the 19th of October, 1861, was issued a call, signed by a number of well-known citizens, requesting a meeting of the friends of the late Senator Douglas, for the purpose of devising the most judicious plan of organization, to carry out the wish of his friends and admirers for the erection of a suitable monument over his remains.

Pursuant to the call, the meeting was numerously attended, and a marked interest and enthusiasm were manifested in the proposed object.

At a subsequent meeting, held on the 8th of November, articles of association were adopted, to form the proposed constitution, and a committee was appointed to procure signatures to the same, and to call a full meeting of the subscribers, who were to select, in accordance with the constitution, twelve Trustees, out of eighteen, to whom the interests and business of the Association were to be committed.

After more than one hundred names had been obtained by the committee, the meeting was called, at which twelve gentlemen were unanimously chosen by the Association as its Trustees, who, at subse-

quent meetings of their body, filled up their number to eighteen, by the selection of six others, and elected their Officers and Executive Committee, in compliance with the constitution. They also adopted a code of By-Laws for their own regulation, together with an appeal to the public in behalf of their patriotic object.

Organization.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Gen. WILLIAM A. RICHARDSON,	Quincy.
Hon. JOHN B. TURNER,	Chicago.
" WILLIAM B. OGDEN,	"
" WALTER B. SCATES,	"
" FRANCIS C. SHERMAN,	"
" WILLIAM C. GOUDY,	"
" SAMUEL W. FULLER,	"
Rev. WILLIAM BARRY,	"
Rt. Rev. JAMES DUGGAN, D. D.,	"
DAVID A. GAGE, Esq.,	"
JOHN M. DOUGLAS, Esq.,	"
THOMAS B. BRYAN, Esq.,	"
JOHN S. NEWHOUSE, Esq.,	"
Hon. SAMUEL H. TREAT,	Springfield.
" JAMES C. ALLEN,	Palestine.
" JOHN D. CATON,	Ottawa.
Col. JOHN A. LOGAN,	Benton.
" JOHN DEMENT,	Dixon.

OFFICERS.

PRESIDENT:

WALTER B. SCATES.

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT:

THOMAS B. BRYAN.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT:

WILLIAM C. GOUDY,

TREASURER:

DAVID A. GAGE.

SECRETARY:

LEONARD W. VOLK.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Walter B. Scates, Prest.	Rt. Rev. Bishop Duggan.
John B. Turner,	Francis C. Sherman.
David A. Gage, Treas.	Leonard W. Volk, Sec'y.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

DOUGLAS MONUMENT ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE FIRST.

This Association shall be known as the "DOUGLAS MONUMENT ASSOCIATION."

ARTICLE SECOND.

All persons contributing not less than the sum of one dollar to its objects, shall be considered members of the Association, and be entitled to a diploma or certificate of membership.

ARTICLE THIRD.

For the energetic and successful prosecution of the object of this Association—namely, the erection of a suitable monument in honor of the late Hon. STEPHEN ARNOLD DOUGLAS, to be placed over his remains at Cottage Grove, near the city of Chicago, or elsewhere —a Board of Trustees to consist of eighteen persons, a majority of whom, at least, shall be residents of Chicago, or within a distance therefrom convenient for attendance at its meetings, shall be forthwith

appointed, this Association to select twelve members, and the residue to be appointed hereafter by said twelve members so selected; to which said Board shall be committed all the active, executive, and legal powers of the Association without reserve; and especially:

1. The entire charge of selecting and deciding upon a plan for said monument.

2. The adoption of such plan or plans for the raising and collection of contributions in aid of its construction and completion, as they shall judge advisable.

3. The contracting with such party or parties for the complete construction of the proposed monument at such time, and within such conditions as they may approve.

ARTICLE FOURTH.

1. Said Board shall be known as the "Board of Trustees of the Douglas Monument Association."

2. The whole number of said Board shall be divided into three equal sections, one section to retire alternately every five years; and all vacancies in the Board made by such retirement, by resignation, disability, death, or otherwise, to be filled by the remaining members.

3. Said Board shall organize by the election, at such times as they may direct, of a President, Treasurer, and Secretary, (which Secretary, at their discretion, may be outside of their body, to be of approved capacity, integrity, and particular abilities for the

office, and receive, at their discretion, a remuneration for his services), as also of an Executive Committee of the Board for the better transaction of its business, together with such other officers or agents as they may judge needful and proper.

4. Said Board shall make and establish such rules and regulations relating to its meetings and organization, the duties of its officers and agents, and the transaction of its business, as in their judgment shall be thought best.

5. Said Board shall hold, through its Treasurer, all property or monies, now, or hereafter to be acquired, in the name or for the purposes of this Association; shall have a legal seal, and shall seasonably secure such legal incorporation, under the authority of the Legislature or of existing laws, as shall give full validity to its acts.

6. Said Board shall hold themselves individually and exclusively of the Association, responsible for all expenditures of money made by them, beyond such amounts as are or have been actually collected and paid in to their Treasurer.

7. Said Board may, at their discretion, elect individuals of this, or any other State, to be Honorary members thereof, or of the Association in general, under such provisions and conditions as they may see fit to establish; *provided*, that no person upon the condition of pecuniary contribution shall be made an Honorary member of the Association, upon the payment of a sum less than twenty dollars; nor an Honorary member of the Board of Trustees upon the payment of a sum less than one hundred dollars.

8. Said Board shall take seasonable steps to secure, as a preliminary to and on the condition precedent of the completion of the proposed monument, the guaranty of the fee of the land, or such part thereof as may be required for the suitable arrangement of said monument, or otherwise provide for the perpetual and undisturbed security of the same.

9. Upon the full completion of said monument, it shall be the duty of said Board to have set apart and provided a sufficient permanent fund, to be put at interest, the annual proceeds of which shall be applied for the preservation, care and repair of said monument and land; or, at their election, to convey to the city of Chicago, or the State of Illinois, said monument, or land, or both, upon the guaranty of the authorities so receiving the same, that said monument and the land on which it stands shall be perpetually kept in due preservation and care for all time.

ARTICLE FIFTH.

It is the intention of this Association to intrust said Board with as full and complete powers as may be necessary for the execution of the trust hereby committed to them, whether the same are herein expressed or not.

ARTICLE SIXTH.

Said Board shall, as often as once in each year, publish a full account of their proceedings, as also of their receipts and expenditures in behalf of said monument, duly certified, for the information of the members of this Association, and the public.

BY-LAWS

OF THE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

OF THE

DOUGLAS MONUMENT ASSOCIATION.

OFFICERS.

The officers of this Board shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer and a Secretary, together with an Executive Board of Direction to be called the "EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE DOUGLAS MONUMENT ASSOCIATION," to consist of five members, including the President, who shall be *ex-officio* President of the Executive Committee; the Secretary of this Board to act as Secretary of the Executive Committee.

The above named officers shall be chosen by ballot, after the first organization, at the annual meeting of this Board, which shall be held on the first Thursday in June.

PRESIDENT.

The President shall preside at all meetings of this Board, or of the Executive Committee, and shall call any special meetings of either at his discretion, or when requested so to do by any two members. In

the absence, or inability to act of the President, either of the Vice-Presidents shall perform his duties, in presiding at or calling meetings of this Board.

TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall hold all property or monies belonging to the Association, in his own name, in trust for the said Association; and shall keep the same in safe deposit, as the distinct property of the Association, and in its name. He shall pay no monies, except upon the written order of the President, or such other person as may be authorized thereto by this Board, such order to be countersigned by the Secretary; nor shall he make any loan of monies of the Association, except with this Board's consent. He shall keep a due account, to be always open to inspection by any member of this Board, of all property or monies received and all amounts expended by him in the name of the Association, with corresponding vouchers, and shall make report thereof, whenever so required by this Board or the Executive Committee, as also at the annual meeting of this Board, at which time his account shall have been audited by the President, or by an auditor specially chosen by this Board. The Treasurer shall, when required by this Board, give his bond to the President, until the legal incorporation of this Board; after which, such bond shall be given to this Board, with sufficient sureties, to such amount as this Board shall from time to time direct, for the faithful performance of the duties of his office.

SECRETARY.

The Secretary shall keep a careful record, to be from time to time approved, of all meetings of this Board, or of the Executive Committee; shall call all meetings of either, under the order of the President; shall countersign all orders upon the Treasurer and keep an account of the same; shall conduct the correspondence of this Board or of the Executive Committee, keeping copies of such letters as are written by him, as also duly filing all received; he shall also superintend and direct, with the advice of the Executive Committee, all collections to be made for the objects of the Association, keeping a due account thereof, and seasonably accounting for the same, as made, to the Treasurer; and shall perform all such other duties as the Board, or Executive Committee may direct.

The Secretary shall receive a compensation for his services, at the rate of one thousand dollars a year, besides the re-imbursement of all necessary charges incurred by him in the discharge of his duties.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The duties of the Executive Committee shall be to counsel and direct the Secretary in obtaining collections for the objects of the Association; to which end they shall issue such circulars and statements, and adopt such arrangements, and appoint, authorize, and instruct such agents, determining their compensation, as they shall judge expedient; besides

recommending to this Board any measures for their action deemed desirable; and they shall do all things to promote the objects of the Association, subject to the orders of this Board. The Executive Committee shall also have the charge and direction of all matters to be from time to time committed to them by this Board. Said Executive Committee shall meet at such times as they may judge best, under the direction of the President, and shall keep a written account of their doings, with the names of all agents appointed by them, which names shall also be, from time to time, published for the information of the public—a full report of the doings of said Executive Committee to be made at each regular meeting of this Board.

MEETINGS.

Regular meetings of this Board shall be held as often as once in two months, on the first Thursday of the month, of which written or personal notice shall be seasonably given to each member. Seven members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any ordinary business; but no plan or location of the proposed monument shall be accepted, nor any contract or appropriation involving an expenditure to exceed one thousand dollars, be voted, except by this Board, not less than the same number approve the same; nor shall the action of that number be final until ratified at a succeeding meeting, should such ratification be requested by one member present.

AGENTS.

Every Agent appointed in behalf of this Association shall have credentials duly signed by the President and the Secretary, with the seal of this Association attached to the same; and no person claiming to be such agent is to be accredited without the same.

HONORARY MEMBERS, Etc.

This Board may, from time to time, appoint, at their discretion, any citizens of the United States to be Honorary Vice-Presidents or Honorary members of this Board; *provided*, that such appointments shall be respectively voted for by not less than seven members of this Board. Any person, upon the payment for the objects of this Association of a sum not less than one hundred dollars, may become an Honorary member of this Board. Any person paying the sum of twenty dollars may become an Honorary member of the "DOUGLAS MONUMENT ASSOCIATION." All persons paying one dollar or more to the objects of the Association, shall receive a diploma or certificate of membership, duly signed by the President and the Secretary.

VACANCIES IN THE BOARD.

Any vacancies in this Board shall be seasonably filled at any regular meeting, *provided* not less than seven members present shall vote in favor of the candidate; *provided*, further, that no vote by proxy

shall be allowed at such elections, or at any other transactions of this Board.

ALTERATIONS OF BY-LAWS.

These by-laws may at any time be altered or extended at any regular meeting, not less than eight of the whole number of members of this Board approving the same.

APPEAL.

The Board of Trustees appointed by the "Douglas Monument Association," being duly organized for the execution of the patriotic enterprise entrusted to their charge, respectfully submit their doings and designs to the public, confident that no urgent appeal is needed to the friends of the late Stephen A. Douglas, to assist in the proposed tribute of honor and gratitude to that illustrious statesman and patriot.

Born among the free hills of New England, his early life passed in New York, his maturer years consecrated with generous and never-faltering devotion to his country, he has long been known as the distinguished representative of the West in the councils of the nation, whose boldness, courage, enthusiasm and brilliant talents elevated him to an almost unrivalled power and commanding influence among his countrymen—equal to every emergency, daunted by no obstacle, and acquiring new greatness even in disaster and seeming defeat, giving him an acknowledged place in the constellation of eminent statesmen and patriots whose names will ever illumine the history of our country.

Without recalling the various and eventful occasions of his brilliant career as a politician and statesman, on which he won the renown which was so willingly and warmly conceded to him, it needs only to recur to his last appeals of a true and magnanimous patriotism in behalf of his imperilled country, rallying all hearts to a loyal and self-sacrificing maintenance of the Union of these States and the constitution of our hitherto great and united Republic, to vindicate his full claim to an honorary and grateful remembrance, now that he has fallen, in the meridian of his fame, when, never more than now, his eloquent voice and inspiring courage are needed in his country's hour of darkness and trial.

In the tranquil rest of the grave, the departed can be reached, indeed, by no honors a grateful country can rear over his remains. But not less to ourselves, and to our country, and to the generations yet unborn, who are to enter upon the sacred heritage and responsibilities of freemen, than to him, is it due, that his grave should not be left unmarked by some enduring tribute of national honor and gratitude.

In seeking to secure a fitting monument to perpetuate the name of DOUGLAS, the Trustees feel assured that they but represent the warm and unanimous sentiment which found prompt utterance throughout our country on his lamented death; and they desire to be actuated in the accomplishment of the sacred charge committed to them by an inviolable regard to what is due alike to the honored dead, and to the sentiments which consecrate his memory in the hearts of his friends and countrymen.

In submitting the plan of organization and proceedings adopted for and by this Board, it is hoped that the same will commend itself to the general confidence and approval. It is believed that the judicious precautions early adopted will be a sufficient guaranty, that all due care, fidelity and good judgment will be employed, to secure an early and satisfactory achievement of the work they have undertaken.

The Trustees presume to make no demands, nor do they prescribe limits, in their appeal to Mr. DOUGLAS' friends. They forbear, at this time, even from presenting any anticipatory design for the proposed monument, either in respect to its form or cost, beyond such suggestions as propriety may dictate, leaving the matter to be finally determined hereafter by what shall appear to be the wish of the public, as expressed in their voluntary benefactions to his memory.

It has been the desire of this Board to afford the broadest scope to the liberality of the public, and to do this in such a manner as to connect the names of the humblest contributors, with the Association formed to honor the departed statesman.

The Trustees cannot hope, without the concurring vigilance of the public, to guard against all contingencies of imposture or misplaced confidence in the collections proposed by them.

They beg to have it distinctly understood, that all authorized agents of this Board will carry with them authentic credentials, under the seal of the Association, which, it is hoped, may guard with due caution against misrepresentation and fraud.

In prosecuting their proposed collections, it is the intention of the Board to afford opportunity to the friends of the late Mr. DOUGLAS, in all parts of the country, to unite in this national tribute to his memory. To this end, they would be gladly assisted by the voluntary organization of local auxiliary associations, to be under judicious and reliable management, with which this Board may be in communication, and to which diplomas will be forwarded, in return for such moneys as are collected and forwarded.

Should any individuals feel prompted to anticipate a direct appeal by a voluntary transmission of money in aid of the object, the same can be forwarded by mail or otherwise to the Treasurer.

The appeal which this Board makes to the fellow-countrymen and friends of the late Mr. DOUGLAS, cannot be deemed untimely, even amidst the dark hour of the Republic, and the privations and distress of an unnatural war. None more than that patriotic statesman sought to avert, by just and constitutional aims, legitimate complaint; none more than he, when treason menaced the foundations of our national existence and glory, proclaimed in truer and more inspiring tones his steadfast loyalty and everlasting fidelity to the Union and constitution,—bequeathing to his country, in his dying words, unquestioned tokens of the allegiance which had inspired his whole life, and which, breathing from his silent grave, may yet reanimate and restore the divided glory of our common country.

Surely is it not untimely to rear now enduring marble over his honored remains, bearing forever the last words which burst from his dying lips — "TELL MY CHILDREN TO OBEY THE LAWS AND UPHOLD THE CONSTITUTION."

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